

# GLENELLA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

February was busy with I Love to Read month guest readers, a virtual performance on February 29th for the K-6 students with a musician Ginalina, and our annual ski trip to Minnedosa.

The March calendar has junior divisional curling, senior badminton, PAC is having Sloppy Jo's on March 8, Pi Day is March 14, parent teacher interviews, and then we finish off the month with Spring Break!! Report cards for K-8 students will be sent home March 11 but the high school report cards will be sent home in April.

There have been some inquiries about volunteering in the school or chaperoning events such as field trips. Anyone interested needs to have a current criminal record check and a child abuse check done. Please come into the office with 2 pieces of identification to fill out the child abuse forms and we will mail it in for you. The criminal record check can be done at your local RCMP detachment at no cost for a volunteer position (they may ask for a letter from the school to verify your request).

A reminder that students do need to be dressed appropriately for the conditions. The weather has been all over the place this past month but when the temperature is more seasonal we are finding students are unable to withstand the length of recess especially lunch recess.

## PARENT TEACHER IS COMING!

**Thursday March 14** (evening) and **Friday March 15** (morning)

Forms are attached to the back of the newsletter!

# KINDER/GRADE 1

February flew by with I Love to Read Month. We had several guest readers and activities to celebrate reading. We had a skate and read aloud with two team members from the Neepawa Titans, we went to the fire hall for a tour with Mr. Smith and MLA Jodie Byram came and shared some stories with us as well. We also had spirit days to dress up and our book show and tell was a hit! The kids loved bringing their favourite books from home to share with their classmates. Thanks for everyone's participation.

We have been very busy scientists lately, and have just wrapped our unit on the five senses. We learned what they are, why they are important and got to focus on each sense to make observations. This included the mystery box for our sense of touch, smell and hearing!

In ELA we have worked on writing sensory poems and making our own books about the colours and things we love. As always, we have been decoding and spelling words and our reading skills. Up next we will create books to pair with our Social Studies on the people around us.

In Math the Grade 1s have learned all the tools to solve addition problems. We will continue to practice these skills to lock them into our brains, while also learning subtraction and numbers to 100. In Kindergarten we have finished up our learning on shapes, have continued with our numbers and will now circle back to refresh our brains on patterns.

Have a great month!

Miss Kreutzer

Our Elementary classes are hoping to collect supplies for the construction of an outdoor kitchen for spring! We are looking to collect old pots and pans, metal bowls, pans, cooking utensils, crates and pails. Please contact Julia Kreutzer or Megan Pilatic if you've got anything you would be willing to donate!



# GRADE 2/3/4

It's hard to believe that February is already over! This month we enjoyed I Love to read and Valentine's Day.

In ELA, we have been working on creating storyboards. Each student has been working hard at writing their own stories. We started a new unit learning about prefixes and also starting reading "James and the Giant Peach" for novel study.

In Math, we are learning about number sequences and patterns. We are looking into patterns, learning about the core of patterns along with difference attributes that change to create patterns.

We really enjoying learning about the Vikings in Social Studies. This month we created Viking Longhouses using a variety of materials, such as, cardboard, popsicle sticks, straws etc. Everyone got really creative designing the interior and exterior of their houses. We have been learning about their culture and traditions.

In Art we used a variety of technique to create different Valentine's Day art.

This month we also celebrated Leah's Birthday.

Mrs. Pilatic

# SENIOR CURLING

Well our curling season has come to an end. In February we ventured out to Winnipeg for provincials and played the best in high school curling our province has to offer.

The boys played nail biting games against 3 strong teams, including a close game with the provincial winner. Every team they played had to work for their points, but ultimately we came up short in all 3 of our games in our bracket. I'd like to thank Bec McDonald for volunteering her time and expertise to coach this season, and Jesse Baker for volunteering to help supervise as well.

Julia Kreutzer



# GRADE 5/6 NEWS

In English, the 5/6's have continued with their unit on figurative language. So far, we have learnt about similes, metaphors and hyperboles. We will be learning about personification next. The grade 6's have finished their second novel study "Loser" while the grade 5's finished their novel "The Summer of Riley". The class has also been reading small paragraphs to practice making predictions and inferences.

We have been continuing our science unit on "The Solar System". We have done a research project on a Canadian astronaut, learnt the order of the planets, have drawn out the phases of the moon and now learning about constellations! The 5/6's will be completing this unit shortly, so be prepared to see a review coming home to study!

In math, both grades are learning about perimeter and area. We have learnt many formulas, so have started creating a cheat sheet! We will be adding onto our cheat sheet when we learn about volume. There is a lot of multiplication in this unit, so we have been reviewing our multiplication skills and even reviewed working with decimals!

In French, we are learning about rooms in our homes. We will be making a floor plan of our dream homes and creating sentences describing the rooms.

Though we were bummed we didn't get to go tubing, most of our classmates went downhill skiing in Minnedosa. All the students seemed to have a blast, and hopefully we can go again next year! We have also been celebrating "I Love to Read Month". We have had some great guest speakers and done some cool activities like going skating and having a tour of the Glenella Firehall.

Report cards will be coming out shortly, and I hope to see everyone at parent/teacher interviews!

Bye for now,

Miss Smith



# WITH MISS BARCLAY

February brought us "I Love to Read Month" and as students in grades 7 and 8 excitedly left their essay unit behind they began to delve into the mystical world of fiction with their newest independent novel unit. This passion for adventure and exploration seeped over into their Visual Arts class as students started their work with mixed media. Grade 7 students explored the solar system through an application of various textures and styles to demonstrate their creative thinking and points of view about our galaxy. While students in grade 8 were able to engage in a study of various calligraphy fonts which kick started our graffiti art unit.

The graffiti art unit engages students by providing them with the opportunity to begin to reflect on their identity and presence in the world. By questioning the world around them, and their place in it, students are able to think more critically about their work which encourages them to utilize a wide range of art techniques to convey symbolism, meaning, and purpose in their pieces.

Meanwhile, our high school students have started their new semester with a brand new course load which is always exciting! This semester I have the wonderful opportunity to teach High School Art, Grade 12 Global Issues, and Grade 12 English II. We have already delved into lots of material in February, and March will be even busier, so it is important for students to remain organized and on task with their work in order to not fall behind with assignments this term.

o Report cards will be sent home for our K-8 students on March 11th and Parent-Teacher Interviews for all of our students will take place on March 14th and 15th.

As always, February seems to both stretch out and speed by all at the same time, or maybe it just seems like that because we know March Break is right around the corner. Either way, March will be over too before we know it. But, before it's gone, check below to see what's happening in Canada during March.

Miss Barclay

## March is Women's History Month

but it's also....

- o Pi Day on March 14th
- o St. Patrick's Day on March 17th
- o The First Day of Spring on March 19th
- o March Break March 25th-March 29th
- o Easter on March 31st
- o April Fools' Day on April 1st

A graphic with the words "HELLO SPRING" in a playful, hand-drawn font. The letters are in various colors: yellow, green, pink, and light blue. The text is arranged in two lines: "HELLO" on top and "SPRING" on the bottom.

# THE EAGLE SCREECH

February as always, zoomed right by but we kept quite busy here at Glenella. The 5-8s have continued with x-country skiing lessons in McCreary and have even done some wilderness trails. We have had to reschedule a few sessions, some because of snow storms and others because of lack of snow. What a wacky year this has been weather wise. The x-country trails have been groomed for skiing and will hopefully be touched up again if we get another big snowfall. If anyone is interested in trying cross country skiing with their kids you can contact me at the school or email (csmith@trsd.ca) to arrange to borrow ski equipment.

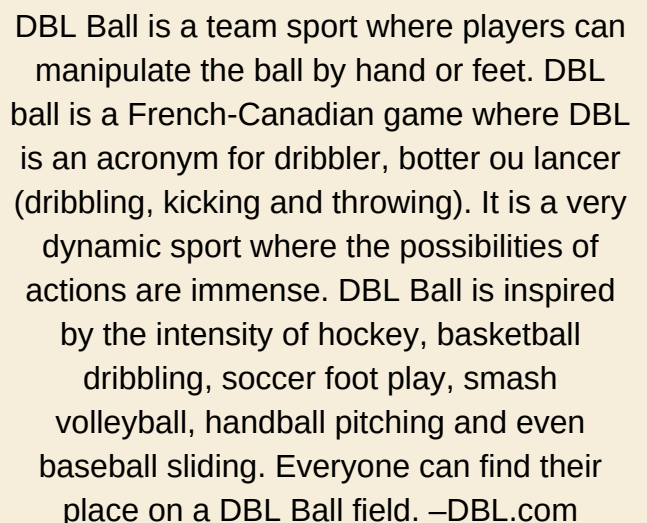
At the beginning of February, K-6 classes played a variety of skill building games related to basketball. Next month the grades K-8 classes will start the net games/badminton unit. The 9/10 class has been busy doing a number of things to start off the semester, they have spent a number of classes at the arena learning the rules of curling and practicing their skills and playing broomball. When we weren't at the rink we were getting rule refreshers in the games of basketball and DBL ball. There are a number of confident referees in this class that will hopefully continue to do so for junior sports. The 9/10 class have been busy planning for this semester's intramurals, first up, DBL Ball!

DBL Ball is a game I introduced to the school a few years ago and after a successful intramural last year it is back by popular demand.

I would like to give a big congratulations to our boys curling team who made Provincials. I'd also like to give a big thanks to our curling coach, Becca McDonald, and our staff supervisor/assistant coach Ms. Kreutzer. They put a lot of time into our curling teams and without them there would be no season.

This month marks the beginning of the new semester, which means that the grade 9 class has started science. Our first unit is reproduction; we have discussed mitosis, meiosis, asexual and sexual reproduction so far. Coming up, we look at genetics and why we look so similar to our family members.

Chris Smith



DBL Ball is a team sport where players can manipulate the ball by hand or feet. DBL ball is a French-Canadian game where DBL is an acronym for dribbler, botter ou lancer (dribbling, kicking and throwing). It is a very dynamic sport where the possibilities of actions are immense. DBL Ball is inspired by the intensity of hockey, basketball dribbling, soccer foot play, smash volleyball, handball pitching and even baseball sliding. Everyone can find their place on a DBL Ball field. -DBL.com